



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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RE: MUR 5181
Spirit of America PAC and Garrett Lott, as Treasurer
Ashcroft 2000 and Garrett Lott, as Treasurer

Dear Messrs. Trimble and Haapoja:

This letter is in response to your September 8, 2003 letter requesting an extension until September 16, 2003 for your clients to respond to the General Counsel's supplemental brief in this matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter and receiving signed tolling agreements, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your clients' reply brief is due by the close of business on Tuesday, September 16, 2003.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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999 E Street N.W.
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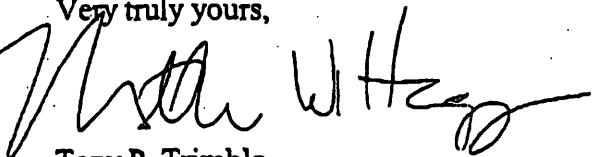
Dear Ms. Tompkins / Ms. Taksar / Mr. Allen:

On behalf of Spirit of America, a Federal Election Commission ("FEC") registered multi-candidate committee ("SOA"), Ashcroft 2000, an FEC registered candidate committee ("Ashcroft 2000") Garrett M. Lott, as Treasurer of SOA and Ashcroft 2000 (collectively, "Respondents"), we are writing to request a seven (7) extension of time within which to file Respondents' Brief in Reply to the General Counsel's Supplemental Brief dated August 25, 2003 related to the above matter.

Respondents' co-counsel, Ben Ginsberg, has been heavily involved in preparations for the oral arguments relative to the U.S. Supreme Court BCRA proceedings and we therefore request additional time to prepare Respondents' response. Additionally, Tony Trimble has been out of the country on business the last two weeks and has been unable to fully address this issue.

We understand, of course, that this extension would also require an extension of the statute of limitations and Respondents hereby consent to such statutes of limitations tolling. Please contact either of the undersigned at your earliest convenience regarding this request. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


Tony P. Trimble
Matthew W. Haapoja
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